

Start your video experience and/or trip to the beautiful Ottawa National Forest by watching:

WELCOME TO THE OTTAWA!!

Gather information about the beautiful, nearly one million acres Ottawa National Forest.
Explore opportunities around you.

17 minutes

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ANIMALS

BEARS

1. Bears, Imax DVD

Investigate the world of bears as you learn about black bears, polar bears, and grizzlies.

130 minutes

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2. Bears of Michigan

View up close encounters with black bears -- including research.

30 minutes

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3. The All American Black Bear (NOVA)

A natural history of the American black bear. *Adult Themed* reproduction.

60 minutes

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127. Bear

Explore the nature and legends surrounding bears.

35 minutes

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DEER

4. Whitetails of Michigan

Explore the glory of the legendary whitetail deer of Michigan.

40 minutes

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WOLVES

5. Michigan Grey Wolf, Ghost of the Big Timber

A historical look at the controversial uniqueness of Michigan's grey wolf.

43 minutes

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6. Timber Wolf

Learn about the interesting life of the mighty timber wolf.

60 minutes

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7. Wolf (Robert Redford narrates)

Take a closer look at the myths and realities surrounding wolves.

30 minutes

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8. Wolves

Take a look at the true life of wolves and what they are all about.

50 minutes

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9. Wolves: Return of Legend

Explore the myths and legends of the wolf.

50 minutes

ANIMALS (continued)

MAMMALS

11. Wisconsin Small mammals

Learn about the nature and lifestyles of Wisconsin’s small mammals including the fox, otter, cottontail rabbit, lynx, raccoon, porcupine and fisher.

35 minutes

152. Mammals

Learn the most amazing facts and folklore about our favorite furry animals. Meet the creatures that make up this huge and varied family.

25minutes

16. Bats, The True Story

The true story behind theses often misunderstood, yet beneficial animals.

35 minutes

134. Battle for Bats: Surviving White-Nose Syndrome

Discover our fascinating bats and the devastating disease that threatens their existence.

14 minutes

ANIMALS – MISCELLANEOUS

146. Amphibian

Investigate the double life of creatures that live both on land and in water.

25 minutes

149. Reptile

The alien world of these creatures is often misunderstood, but the facts are sometimes stranger than fiction.

25 minutes

147. Fish

Plunge deep into the waters of the world to discover some of the most exotic creatures in nature.

52 minutes

12. Tracking Animals in the Snow

Learn how to identify animals by looking at their prints in the snow.

53 minutes

97. Endangered Animals

Gather insight on endangered animals and the folklores surrounding them.

30 minutes

98. Nighttime Animals

Discover the hidden world of night time animals.

30 minutes

INSECTS

13. Dragonflies and Damselflies

Get a close-up glimpse into the fascinating and bizarre lives of the Eastern North American dragonflies and damselflies.

40 minutes

ANIMALS (continued)

INSECTS (continued)

137. Insects

Macro photography and 3-D graphics allow us to examine the ignored world of insects.

25 minutes

14. On the Wings of the Monarch

An in-depth look at the life cycle, habitat, and migration of the Monarch Butterfly.

47 minutes

15. The Incredible Journey of the Butterflies (PBS)

Fly along with the Monarch Butterflies as they journey through North America and Mexico.

Explore the places they call home and meet the dangers they encounter along the way.

56 minutes

133. The Butterflies of Michigan

An introduction to 40 butterfly species that live in Michigan.

25 minutes

136. Butterfly and Moth

Take flight of fancy with nature's most beguiling creatures. See their miraculous transformation from lowly caterpillar to airborne adult. Learn why these delicate insects have long inspired and entranced us.

25 minutes

128. Eyewitness Flight

A combined story of manned flight and nature's great fliers from insects to birds.

35 minutes

96. Creepy Crawly Animals

Get up close with insects and other creepy, crawly animals!

30 minutes

BIRDS

139. Bird

Soar through the sky and around the world in an exciting journey from the bird's distant dinosaur past to its present astonishing variety.

25 minutes

23. Birds of Prey

Follow eagles, hawks, and owls as they hunt their prey and interact with the animals around them.

17 minutes

27. Blue Birds, Bring Them Back

Learn about the endangered Eastern Blue Bird.

20 minutes

32. Hooked on Hummingbirds

Spectacular footage of hummingbirds and other birds filmed in slow motion.

53 minutes

ANIMALS (continued)

BIRDS(continued)

141. Loons

The story of one family of common loons from their arrival on their nesting island to the day they lead their chicks away.

31 minutes

25. Loons on Golden Pond

Travel with a pair of loons as they court, bathe, dive, hunt, incubate and protect their chicks. Watch as the chicks grow, learn to swim, and eventually fly.

60 minutes

26. Kirtland's Warbler

Follow the rare bird as it lives in the jack pine ecosystem. Since this video was created, the Kirtland's Warbler has been found nesting on the Ottawa National Forest.

15 minutes

22. Northern Forest Owls

Featuring narration and still photos on Northern forest owls, including the Barred Owl and the Great Horned Owl.

19 minutes

28. Spring and Summer Songbirds of the Backyard

Catch an intimate glimpse of bird life in a typical suburban backyard.

60 minutes

29. Summer Birds of Wisconsin

Watch as ducks, woodpeckers, raptors, and perching birds live in their natural habitats.

22 minutes

30. Watching Birds

Peterson Guide -- Introduction to joys of bird watching. The sights and sounds of 52 common backyard birds are included.

60 minutes

31. Winged Migration

Fly alongside, above, below and in front of a variety of birds as they migrate through 40 countries and 7 continents.

89 minutes

17. Eagles

Watch a family of bald eagles as they change with the seasons.

40 minutes

18. Michigan Bald Eagle

Dig deep into the history and details of Michigan bald eagle research.

19 minutes

19. The Bald Eagle Flying High

Watch researchers try to unravel the mystery of an Apostle Island bald eagle problem.

30 minutes

ANIMALS (continued)

BIRDS(continued)

20. Spirit of the Eagle

Discover bald eagles as they hunt prey, raise their young, and soar across the sky.

30 minutes

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21. Trip to Eagle’s Nest

Observe researchers as they measure and record bald eagles directly from the nest.

9 minutes

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PLANTS AND FOREST ECOLOGY

143. Plant

Which plant germinates after 6,000 years of sleep? Which ocean forests are as big as the largest forest on land? Take a colorful tour of the world’s most dazzling flora.

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33. Seasonal Wild Flowers of the Eastern Forest Service

Learn about colorful wildflowers in spring, summer, and fall.

- 1. Spring 100 flowers **52 minutes**
- 2. Summer 80 flowers **49 minutes**
- 3. Fall 80 flowers **49 minutes**

34. Seasons in the Woodlands

Explore the woodlands of the Eastern half of the United States and the lower half of the Canadian Provinces – spring to spring.

21 minutes

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35. Forest Ecology and Wilderness

Instructional video including 3 parts – an introduction to urban ecological systems.

21 minutes

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36. Ecosystem Management

Researches the ideas of conservation, preservation, and land management philosophies, and how humans have affected the environment.

18 minutes

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37. Global Warming: Signs and Science

Travel across America to hear people’s stories about climate change. Learn how human activities are provoking an unprecedented era of atmospheric warming and climate change.

60 minutes

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**SILVANIA WILDERNESS, WILDERNESS INFORMATION,
& LEAVE NO TRACE**

38. Sylvania Orientation – 2011

A friendly reminder of the wilderness rules and regulations that you must follow when entering the Sylvania Wilderness so that it is preserved for future generations. The history of Sylvania is included.

6.5 minutes

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45a. Welcome to Sylvania

Visit the special place where humanity can learn to appreciate the Wilderness.

6 minutes

**SILVANIA WILDERNESS, WILDERNESS INFORMATION,
& LEAVE NO TRACE (continued)**

40. Sylvania Bass Fishing

Join two gentlemen as they fish for record size Small Mouth Bass in Sylvania.

30 minutes

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41. Wilderness Wildlife

Travel to sub-arctic regions and remote wildernesses to see moose, fox, deer, and bison in their natural habitats.

50 minutes

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42. Keeping Wildlife Wild

Learn tips on how to avoid unwanted human/wildlife encounters while hiking, camping, viewing, or photographing animals.

9 minutes

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43. Are You Wilderness Wise?

Information on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

20 minutes

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44. Horse Sense

A guide to minimum impact horse camping, packing and backcountry travel.

60 minutes

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45. Ghost Riders: Leave No Trace

Banff National Forest backcountry user guide and horse rider's ethics: Leave No Trace.

37 minutes

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46. Soft Paths

Learn how to enjoy the wilderness without leaving lasting impacts.

31 minutes

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153. Forever Wild (Robert Redford)

Celebrate America's wilderness and how the splendor and tremendous values of one of its greatest treasures are portrayed.

57 minutes

INVASIVE SPECIES

47. Emerald Ash Borer: The Green Menace

An informational news program on the exotic Emerald Ash Borer and how to stop the spread!

38 minutes

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48. Stop Exotics – Clean Your Boat!!!

Learn the proper way to clean your boat to help limit the spread of invasive species.

11 minutes

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49. Playing Smart Against Invasive Species

Learn how to enjoy and protect the outdoors through preventing the spread of invasive species.

Full length version: 27 minutes

Short version: 17 minutes

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INVASIVE SPECIES (continued)

50. Defending Favorite Places

Calling on all hunters and anglers to stop the spread of harmful invasive species!

Full length version: 27 minutes

Short version: 15 minutes

154. Silent Invaders

- 1. Sea Lamprey
- 2. Zebra Mussels
- 3. Asian Carp
- 4. Gobies
- 5. St. Lawrence Seaway
- 6. Lake Michigan
- 7. Milfoil
- 8. Public Service Announcements

30 minutes each

FIRE

51. Smokey’s Fire Tips

Smokey tells you about the dangers of playing with matches in the woods.

9 minutes

52. Cold Missouri Waters

A musical presentation by the U.S. Forest Service’s “Fiddlin’ Foresters”. The story of the first major firefighting tragedy experienced by the U.S. Forest Service Smoke Jumpers – thirteen firefighters died, burned over in a flash fire storm.

15 minutes

53. Fires on the Mountain

Examine the true story of the South Canyon fire where fourteen firefighters lost their lives.

90 minutes

54. Yellowstone Aflame

The story of the great Yellowstone fires of 1988.

53 minutes

LOCATIONS

55. Clear Waters, Sculptured Stone – Pictured Rocks

Experience the beautiful wonders of the clear waters and sandstone cliffs of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

30 minutes

57. Lake Superior

Learn the natural history of Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world!

10 minutes

LOCATIONS (continued)

58. Magical Straits of Mackinac

View the beauty of Mackinac Island, Mackinac Bridge, and St. Ignace.

30 minutes

104. Alaska, Spirit of the Wild

Few places on earth impose greater survival challenges and the conflict between climate and life than Alaska.

40 minutes

160. The Meaning of Wild

Take a journey to one of our nation's wildest landscapes, the Tongass National Forest of Southeast Alaska.

30 minutes

145. Arctic and Antarctic

Explore the life and legends of the polar kingdoms.

25 minutes

HISTORIC

60. Camp Forgotten

Historic information on the Civilian Conservation Corps and camps in Michigan.

58 minutes

61. Enemy in Our Midst

Learn about the Nazi POW camps that were located in the Upper Peninsula.

177 minutes

62. Smokey Bear 50th Anniversary

Look at everything Smokey did leading up to his rewarding 50th year.

20 minutes

63. Historical Fire Prevention Films

Check out several old Smokey Bear public announcements.

18 minutes

64. The History of Bergland/Matchwood Townships with the Ottawa National Forest

Take a visual tour while listening to some peppy music. Take a trip back in time.

15 minutes

HISTORIC (continued)

65. The Greatest Good – Disc One

- A. Part 1. The Fight for Conservation (1864 – 1910)
In an area of unchecked exploration, a new breed of leaders emerge with radical ideas about using the nation’s resources for the benefit of all.
- B. Part 2. Building the System (1911 – 1940)
The Forest Service invents the tools and policies to manage public lands. Firefighting and outdoor recreation emerge as important functions of the agency.
- C. Part 3. Boom (1941 – 1970)
World War II transforms the nation. The Forest Service shifts into full production to meet social needs.
- D. Part 4. The Greatest Good? (1971 – 2005)
An outspoken public and a new understanding of how ecosystems shape a continually evolving vision for America’s public land.

129 minutes in entirety

66. The Greatest Good – Disc Two

Trailers and Music Videos
Views of the Forest Service
The Forest Service in TV, Radio and Film
About the Forest Service

161 minutes in entirety

67. The Greatest Good – Disc Three

Bonus Materials
Fire
Smokey Bear: Historical Material
History: Short Subjects
History: Out Takes

152 minutes in entirety

68. Wild By Law

The history of the establishment of public lands. Dinah Shore “See the USA in a Chevrolet”

52 minutes

69. Common Ground

Historical, logging, personal remembrances and historic photos. Changing values and National Forest management. Discusses multiple-use management.

30 minutes

CULTURE AND FOLKLORE

70. Finnish American Lives (M. Loukinen)

A moving portrait of traditional Finnish American culture in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

60 minutes

CULTURE AND FOLKLORE (continued)

71. Tradition Bearer (M. Loukinen)

The wonders of Finnish American history and folklore – a recorded, live interview of oral history including historical pictures.

47 minutes

72. Manoomin (Wild Rice) (M. Loukinen)

Showing the wild ricing traditions and the teaching of these traditions to Ojibwe children. Planting, rice-boat building, harvesting, parching, dancing, winnowing, cooking, and finally eating rice at a feast. This video includes the local LVD Band of Chippewa Indians.

1 hour 20 minutes

73. Medicine Fiddle (M. Loukinen)

A documentary on the history of the sound of the fiddle in the upper Midwest of North America including Native American culture.

81 minutes

74. The Last Parable – The Full Circle

Take a retrospective trip along the Missouri River and Montana as told by the grandson of an early homesteader.

29 minutes

75. Good Man in the Woods

Take a look at life through a logger, trapper, or a commercial fisherman’s eyes.

90 minutes

77. The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes

Paddle along with a lone canoeist to learn about the history of the Great Lakes, especially about the Ice Age.

17 minutes

PEOPLE

78. Aldo Leopold

A biography of the author and environmentalist who played a key role in wilderness conservation.

63 minutes

79. Green Fire

Explore the life and legacy of famed conservationist, Aldo Leopold. View how his land ethic philosophy lives on through people throughout the country today.

73 minutes

80. Sigurd Olson

A biography of the writer and wilderness activist who spent his career fighting for Northwoods wilderness preservation.

28 minutes

PEOPLE (continued)

81. Pinchot Family Home Movies

Silent film showing Gifford Pinchot family.

7 minutes

82. To the South Seas – Pinchot Travel Films

Narrated home movie of south sea travel of Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service.

17 minutes

83. Conservation Leaders

Portrayal through images and music that we are all responsible to conserve natural resources for the future of our public lands.

7 minutes

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

76. Stranger in the Woods

The story of two snow drifts who remember a time when a mysterious stranger came to visit. A magical tale of animals reacting to a snowman that appears after a snowstorm.

40 minutes

84. Beyond the Backyard

Take a glance at the natural life beyond your home. Learn valuable tips and information for planning your first camping trip.

34 minutes

85. Kids Journey to Understanding Weeds

Follow a group of friends as they learn about weeds and how to stop spreading them.

9 minutes

86. Moose Tunes for Kids

Join the kids to watch moose in the wild while listening to their favorite moose tunes. It'll get your toes tapping!

35 minutes

87. Paddle to the Sea

Follow a young boy as he puts a homemade miniature canoe in Lake Superior. See where it ends up.

30 minutes

88. Recycle This!

Sing along with a rock and roll musical explaining the dangers of not recycling.

17 minutes

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS (continued)

89. Smokey Bear Children’s Story

Explore the exciting story of Smokey Bear with the “old timer”, his animal friends and a Forest Ranger.

12 minutes

90. The Friendly Forest Club: Wolves

Join 16 year old Cori on an adventurous walk in the woods to discover the mighty wolf!

30 minutes

132. A Day in the Forest with Smokey Bear

The Smokey Bear Story – animated – best for very young children.

8 minutes

MISCELLANEOUS

10. Michigan Ice Age Mammals

Take a look at prehistoric animal remains found in Michigan.

18 minutes

99. Capitol Holiday Tree Lighting

A C-Span video featuring the 2001 Capitol Tree lighting – the tree came from the Ottawa!

35 minutes

100. Tree of Hope

Travel with the 2001 Tree of Hope as it is cut from here in Watersmeet and winds its way through the great state of Michigan, ending up in Washington D.C.

31 minutes

101. Lifelines: Your National Forest Roads

A U. S. Forest Service video exploring the relationship between people and land – past, present and future.

31 minutes

102. Safe Riders

Tips on how to snowmobile safely.

22 minutes

103. The Art of Interpretation

A National Park Service video on interpretation.

14 minutes

104. Alaska, Spirit of the Wild

Voyage into the Last Great Frontier, where nature enchants the eye with magnificent spectacles.

40 minutes

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

105. Amazing Journeys

Explore the migration of the monarch butterfly, birds, humans, zebra, red crabs and whales.

40 minutes

106. Centennial Green

A musical performance created and performed by the Big Top Chautauqua. A portrait of the struggle to establish public lands and conservation ethics in the 19th Century. A history of the Forest Service commissioned to celebrate the centennial anniversary.

57 minutes

107. Earth, the Biography

Watch the detailed history of the earth, featuring breathtaking footage of the great forces that shaped the planet, volcanoes, the ocean atmosphere and the ice. **Total minutes = 230.**

A. Disc One – **138 minutes**

B. Disc Two – **92 minutes**

108. Journey into Amazing Caves

Suspense-filled expedition with a new breed of scientists who explore places once thought to be off limits to humans.

40 minutes

129. Pond and River

Take a twisting journey down the great rivers of the world, pausing to visit the thriving realm of the fresh water pond.

35 minutes

131. Weather

Why is the weather forecast so often wrong? Go on a whirlwind tour of Earth's turbulent atmosphere.

35 minutes

144. Dinosaur

Takes you inside the world of paleontologists and the monsters they study.

35 minutes

150. Volcano

What creature could survive in a hot lava flow? This movie explores the myths surrounding Earth's violent nature.

25 minutes

151. Rock and Mineral

Discover how rocks keep a constantly changing record of our planet's fascinating history, and see how minerals are at the very core of our civilization.

25 minutes

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

158. Skeleton

Go beneath the skin to reveal the hidden secrets of an incredible variety of skeletal structures.

25 minutes

PLANET EARTH

109. 1 – From Pole to Pole

50 minutes

110. 2 – Mountains

50 minutes

111. 3 – Fresh Water

50 minutes

112. 4 – Caves

50 minutes

113. 5 – Deserts

50 minutes

114. 6 – Ice World

50 minutes

115. 7 – Great Plains

50 minutes

116. 8 – Jungles

50 minutes

117. 9 – Shallow Seas

50 minutes

118. 10 – Seasonal Forests

50 minutes

119. 11 – Ocean Deep

50 minutes

NATURE'S MOST AMAZING EVENTS

120. The Great Melt

Arctic challenge to polar bears

50 minutes

121. The Great Salmon Run

Grizzly bears in British Columbia

50 minutes

122. The Great Migration

Migration of the Serengeti animals

50 minutes

123. The Great Tide

South African coast fish migration

50 minutes

124. The Great Flood

Annual flood of Botswana's Okavango Delta

50 minutes

125. The Great Feast

Annual plankton bloom in Alaska

50 minutes

EYEWITNESS VIDEOS

126. Amphibian

Leap into the fascinating world of frogs, toads and salamanders and get a look at the amazing variety of colors, shapes and sizes in the amphibian family.

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Explore how all life forms face a daily struggle for survival, whether prey or predator.

35 minutes

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57 minutes

**We hope you have enjoyed our movies.
If you have any suggestions, please let us know.**